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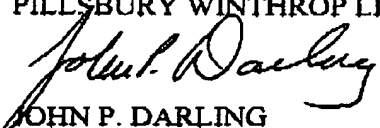
REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 4 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 6 and 21 are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18 and 20 define patentable subject matter. Claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1. In addition, the subject matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 21.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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